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What is Real Fire?

Words to watch for

Real fire can be very different from what we see on TV or in the movies. In the word search below, find the words that are important to know about real fire. Then read the Feature Fire Fighter story on the next page and see if you can find the words in the story.

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Crawl Low

Dark

Escape Plan

Fast

Hot

Meeting Place

Poisonous Gases

Practice

Real Fire

Smoke Alarm

Thick Smoke

Two Ways Out

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Feature Fire Fighter

Meet some real heroes

Real fire is different than the fire we see on TV or in the movies. Just ask the crew from Seattle Fire Station Number 6.

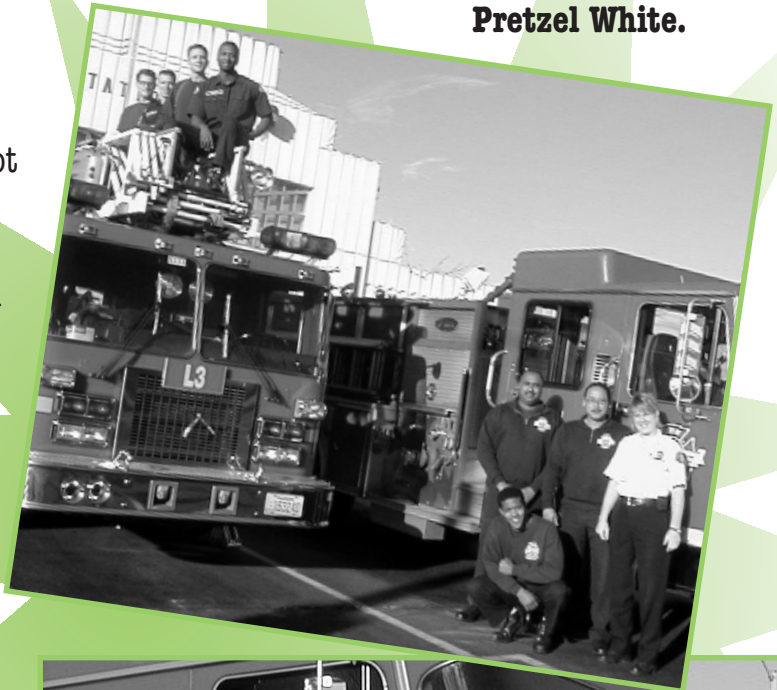
Real fire is dark. "In a real fire there is a whole lot of smoke, and it is black, not white" says Fire Fighter Wes Lang. Blindfold yourself and try to find your way out of your home. That is how hard it is to see in a real fire. That is why you need an escape plan that you practice, and a smoke alarm to warn you quickly.

Real fire is very hot. Real fires can reach more than 1000 degrees in just five minutes. That is five times as hot as water when it boils. A fire's smoke is even more dangerous than the flames.

Smoke from real fire has poisonous gases that can kill. Fire uses up the oxygen you need to breathe. "The thick smoke and gases are the most dangerous part of a fire" says Fire Fighter Pretzel White. "If there is smoke in the room, you must get down under it and crawl low where the air is cleaner and cooler."

Real fire is dark, hot, fast and full of poisonous gas. It is important to have a home escape plan. A home escape plan has two ways out of your rooms. It also has an outside meeting place for your family. Lieutenant Scott Gray suggests practicing home fire drills on the same days you have school fire drills. This is a good time to have a grown-up test your smoke alarm to make sure it works.

Station 6 Crew: Battalion Chief Bonnie Beers, Captain Darnell Factory, Lieutenant Scott Gray and Fire Fighters Wes Lang, Bill Parker, Mark Place, Andre Shaffer and Pretzel White.



Getting ready to respond to the fire.

Can you tell the difference?

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Put On Your Thinking Cap!

Have you ever had a problem to solve or a difficult decision to make? Maybe you get angry at someone. Maybe a friend wants you to do something that could get you into trouble. Here is a way you can “think” through a hard decision or problem. Write down an answer to each question below. At the end, you should have the best answer for you!

Use the following examples.

1. The fire alarm is sounding at your apartment (or a friend's apartment).
2. You see some of your friends playing with matches and lighters.
3. Smoke and flames can be seen coming out of your neighbor's house.



OBSERVE

What is the problem or the situation?



REMEMBER

What has happened in the past with this problem?



IMAGINE

What are the different things you can do in this situation?



PREDICT

What are two different choices you could make?



DECIDE

What is the most responsible and respectful thing to do?
